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question of appointing an expert Committee is taken up, representatives of the consumers and the peasants at large, who are finally affected by this, are also included in the Committee?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Sir, I cannot now say in what manner the Central Government are thinking of constituting the Committee.

SRI M. PALANIYANDI : விற்பனை வரிச் சட்டத்தில்கூட, வியாபாரிகள் தவறான கணக்குக்கொடுத்தால் அவர்களுக்கு விற்பனை வரி அதிகாரிகள் தங்கள் எண்ணம்போல் வரி வசூலிக்கலாம் என்றிருப்பதால், பெரிய வியாபாரிகள் தவறுகள் செய்வதால்தான் அவர்கள் இந்த மாதிரி வரி போடக்கூடிய நிலைமை ஏற்பட்டிருக்கிறது அல்லவா என்று கேட்கிறேன்.

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : அப்படி இருந்தாலும் இருக்கலாம்.

SRI S. C. C. ANTHONY PILLAI : Sir, while there is the possibility of evasion of tax, nevertheless this clause gives rise to the possibility of blackmail and extortion being resorted to on people who are liable to pay the tax. In view of the large volume of public opinion against this clause, will the Government re-examine the question of amending this clause?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : I would like the hon. Member to put a separate question. Under this question, I may not be able to answer that.

Afforestation of Pykara and Mukurthi areas

* 56 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have referred the dispute between the Madras Forest Department and the Electricity Department over the afforestation of Pykara and Mukurthi areas to the Union Government for expert opinion ; and

(*b*) if so, their opinion in the matter?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) Yes. The matter was referred to the Central Water and Power Commission, Government of India, New Delhi.

(*b*) The Commission have not given any opinion so far.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : This is not an Inter-State matter but it is an internal matter. If it is an internal matter, how can this Government refer it to the Central Government for advice?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : It was only an expert opinion that the Government sought and they made a reference to the Central Water and Power Commission of the Government of India.